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AN EXPLANATION OF NEW RECERTIFICATION OPTION

The NH Bureau of EMS is adopting an alternative way of getting refresher training. Under the new system NH EMS providers may relicense using one of two methods.

The old method is still in effect in which you can attend a NH approved refresher training program (RTP) – PLUS - the continuing education hours that the National Registry of EMT's requires.

For an EMT-Basic that means a 24-hour RTP - PLUS – 48 hours of additional continuing education.

For an EMT-I that means a 24-hour EMT-Basic RTP with an additional 12 hours of ALS education – PLUS – 36 hours of additional continuing education.

For an EMT-P that means a 48-hour RTP – PLUS – 24 hours of additional continuing education.

Under the new method you can do the hours that the National Registry requires for RTP training by attending continuing education instead. It is still the same number of required hours; you just get them a different way.

Go to the NREMT website to see how the hours break down for your level of certification. http://nremt.org/nremt/EMTServices/recert_info.asp

THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT THINGS YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW...

NUMBER ONE The Bureau of EMS is committed to ensuring good quality EMS education, but it is difficult to make sure that continuing education is quality education. In order to maintain accountability, any continuing education

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that is intended to be used for the refresher training component of recertification will have to meet certain requirements.

IT IS UP TO THE PROVIDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE HOURS THEY USE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS !!!

What are the requirements? Anyone who conducts a continuing education program intended for use for the refresher training component must maintain the following documentation:

- A list of educational objectives for the program,
- Credentials of the individual teaching the course demonstrating that they have the appropriate expertise to teach the subject,
- The number of hours of the program,
- The date, time and location of the program,
- A course roster with participants' names and signatures.

NH EMS Providers who recertify with the National Registry of EMT's by all continuing education will have their education records subject to audit by the NHBEMS. At a minimum the EMS provider who is audited will need to produce a written certification for each hour listed in the refresher. We may further require that the provider submit the full documentation of individual courses as noted above. You will need to contact the individual who conducted that program for that information – but it's your responsibility to get it.

Best advice? Make sure you get the con ed you are going to use for refresher hours from a reputable source.

THE SECOND THING YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW...



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All levels of EMS provider in NH are being enhanced according to the National EMS Education Standards. This means that over the next few years each EMS provider in NH will have to take a refresher course that contains the new material expected of the new levels. This will be built into your RTP, BUT YOU CANNOT GET THIS THROUGH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROCESS. You have to take a NHBEMS approved RTP/Transition Course to get it.

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